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ORESTES RUIZ HERNANDEZ, AKA; ET AL, ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP CUBAN
CONSUL, MERIDA, MEXICO, JULY 23, 1976; DANIEL FERRER FERNANDEZ-
VICTIM; NEUTRALITY MATTERS-CUBA-MEXICO.

ON AUGUST 31, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS)
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~(U)

VARIOUS ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN WORKING
ON A PRIORITY INVESTIGATION TO ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH LINKS BETWEEN
THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES AND THE TWO MAJOR ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP)
AND THE MONTONEROS. IN THIS CONNECTION, A HIGHLY CLASSIFIED ~~(S)~~(U)

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(1 - 80-173 [Lucero] ~~(S)~~(U))

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DOCUMENT WAS PASSED THROUGH AAIS CHANNELS INDICATING THAT TWO EMPLOYEES OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES, JESUS CEJAS ARIAS AND CRESENCIO GALANENA HERNANDEZ, WERE CLANDESTINELY PICKED UP BY ONE OF THE ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ON AUGUST 9, 1976 IN BUENOS AIRES AND UNDER SEVERE INTERROGATION HAD ADMITTED THAT THEY WERE CUBAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ^{CUIS} (~~CIUS~~) OFFICERS AFFILIATED WITH THE DGI. ~~(S)~~ (U)

ACCORDING TO THE AAIS DOCUMENT, BOTH CEJAS AND GALANENA ADMITTED THAT THEY WERE CONTACTS OF THE ERP ~~(S)~~ (U)

ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1976, A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS ALSO AN OFFICIAL OF THE AAIS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

OFFICERS OF THE AAIS AND THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION (~~SI~~) ABDUCTED CEJAS AND GALANENA IN BUENOS AIRES ON AUGUST 9, 1976 BASED ON EVIDENCE THAT THEY WERE WORKING WITH THE ERP. CEJAS AND GALANENA BOTH ADMITTED THAT THEY WERE ^{CUIS} ~~CIUS~~ ~~CIUS~~-DGI OFFICERS AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ERP OFFICERS IN BUENOS AIRES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OF THE LATTER ORGANIZATION. CEJAS AND GALANENA ALSO PROVIDED THE ~~(S)~~ (U)

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IDENTITIES OF OTHER ^{CUB} ~~CIUS~~-DGI OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES UNDER DIPLOMATIC COVER. AFTER INTENSIVE INTERROGATION LASTING FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS, BOTH ~~WE~~ CEJAS AND GALANENA WERE EXECUTED. (S)(U)

TO COVER THE DISAPPEARANCE OF CEJAS AND GALANENA, THEIR ARGENTINE DIPLOMATIC CREDENTIALS WERE MAILED TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OFFICE IN BUENOS AIRES ^{ON 8/16/76} WITH A NOTE WRITTEN BY THEM UNDER DURESS BEFORE THEY WERE EXECUTED, INDICATING THAT THEY WERE DEFECTING. (S)(U)

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RE BUCABLES AUGUST 13, 17, 18, 19 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 1976.

FIRST SOURCE IS MAJOR JUAN LUCERO, AAIS.

SECOND SOURCE IS COL. ALBERTO VALIN, DIRECTOR, AAIS. (S)(U)

(U) (S) [IT IS NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO COL. VALIN,] NOTICE OF CEJAS' AND GALANENA'S DISAPPEARANCE FIRST APPEARED IN THE BUENOS AIRES NEWS MEDIA ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 12, 1976; HOWEVER, A NOTICE APPARENTLY APPEARED IN THE "LONDON TIMES" ON AUGUST 10, 1976.

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FROM THE FOREGOING INFORMATION, IT IS APPARENT THAT CORU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH CEJAS' AND GALANENA'S ABDUCTION AND EXECUTION. OBVIOUSLY, CORU HOPED TO CAPITALIZE UPON THE ABDUCTION OF CEJAS AND GALANENA AND PROBABLY GAMBLED THAT THEIR BODIES WOULD EVENTUALLY TURN UP IN BUENOS AIRES, WHICH WOULD ENABLE CORU TO CLAIM CREDIT FOR THE EXECUTION. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY COL. VALIN, CEJAS' AND GALANENA'S BODIES WERE DISPOSED OF IN SUCH A MANNER TO PRECLUDE THEIR EVER BEING FOUND.

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